

**Project:** Yesler **Project #:** 01422  
**Subject:** Garfield Community Site Tour **Date:** Visited 03/27/02  
**Attendee:** Toby Ressler and Pat Elder  
(Parks);  
Shari Watts (YTCC Coordinator)  
Harold Eby, Judy Carter, Sonya  
Richter, Mele Feiloakitu, Ester  
Piko (Yesler Terrace Community  
Council);  
Rich Franko and Tom Rooks  
(Mithun)

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**Meeting at Garfield Community Center with Yesler Terrace Project's Advisory Council:**  
Introduction of attendees

**Status of the project:**

- Surveying of site will begin soon.
- Parks Department and Mithun are in final stages of contract negotiations.
- Advisory member raised question regarding design schedule- Response by Parks and Mithun was that each phase (schematics, design-develop. and CDs) would take approx. 3 months, with approx. 1 month between each phase for review process.
- Parks hopes to "break ground" in late May of 2003.
- Advisory member raised question regarding the architects' planned agenda for public meetings- The strategy at these meetings is to present assumptions regarding such issues as program needs, relationships of adjacent spaces, exterior common spaces- information that initially has been received from Parks, SHA, the Advisory Committee and CC tours- take this information and present it at these public meetings in a format that encourages discussion and feed-back from those attending. Depending on the number of individuals attending these meetings, the architects may break the attendees into smaller groups to create a more comfortable and productive atmosphere.
- Advisory member asked for clarification on Advisory Council's role. Simply put, the Committee's role is to act as the community's agent, to ensure that the community's needs are understood and addressed by both the Parks Department and the Architects.

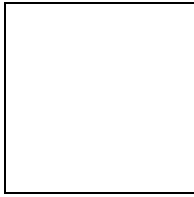
**Tour of Garfield Community Center:**

**General Comments**

- Acoustics design in multi-purpose and dedicated rooms should be a priority.

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- Ceiling heights should be comfortable- well-proportioned space. Garfield's ceilings uncomfortably high in some areas.
- Avoid designing seating areas in blind spots, areas along corridors or reception that are not clearly visible to the main desk.
- Design with durability in mind at lower levels of walls at public areas- GWB is not durable.
- Blinds are within the glass, which is great, but expensive.
- No designated space for teens- they tend to hang out in reception area and often create too much noise/ disturbance.

### **Community/ Multi-Purpose Room**

- Acoustics in room are poor. All hard surfaces- apparently this room does work adequately in terms of acoustics when a PA system is used. Will be important to clearly establish use-priorities for multi-purpose rooms for Yesler to help in designing appropriate acoustical treatment.
- Ability to separate room (moveable partition) may have been helpful- exiting issues?

### **Gymnasium**

- Supply grills located at middle of wall- seem to be well placed for heating space efficiently???
- Scoreboard placement toward middle of wall or possibly hung a center of space.
- Curtain divider
- Large operable doors- roll-up- work well for access as long as doors located adjacent to vehicle access.
- Electrical lighting- alternate lamping for color correction.
- Adequate PA system would be helpful.
- Efflorescence @ walls- typical problem at most of the city's CCs.
- Glass block installed in walls at reachable heights were vandalized.

### **Storage Room for Gym and Multi-Purpose Room**

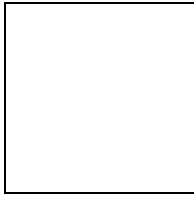
- Storage Room needs to be twice as large
- Shelving needs to be adequately braced and reachable and should have a lip.
- Need separate "Gold" room for AV equip.
- Need adequate room for moveable bleachers.
- Storage needs to accommodate: tables, chairs, bleachers, recreational equip PLUS temporary items.

### **Restrooms**

- Floor drains used as urinals by some boys- unfortunately the need for floor drains outweighs this potential problem.
- Lower counter and sink area for younger kids would be helpful.
- Soap dispensers should be located adjacent to sinks.

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### **Kid's Room**

- Moveable partition divides room.
- Moveable partition target for vandalism when left exposed- should there be a closet door for partition when in closed position (sim. To Miller)?
- Check license requirements- DSHS and DOH for Yesler- Need to get confirmation of # of kids that will be accommodated at Yesler- currently the 3 is 25.
- Check program for after school program

### **Fitness/ Weight Room**

- Adjacent to Reception
- Limited ability to monitor room from reception area- small window provided connects back office area with fitness room.
- Room proportions are poor- ceiling to high.

### **Staff Offices/ Reception**

- Private office for coordinator
- Open space occupied by modular office furniture
- Open space also used for small, private meetings
- Small lockers (25) provided for staff- bottom row at floor level- ideally should be higher.
- Small storage and Washer/ Dryer room located adjacent to office/ reception area- useful.

### **Display Case**

- Located centrally in main entry area, adjacent to lounge- good location for display

### **Arts and Craft Room**

- Not able to get into room- meeting was being held.
- Used as smaller multi-purpose room
- Adjacent to Reception

### **Computer Room**

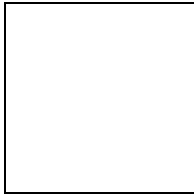
- Always difficult to run and maintain these rooms since primarily funded by grants.
- Small desk and computer provided for monitor/ instructor.

### **Kitchen**

- Center island is effective
- Cabinets and Cabinet Hardware not durable enough
- Stove location work space is not ideal
- A separate Pantry room would be useful

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### Janitor's Storage Room and Office

- Storage area too small for misc. equipment kept on site.
- Inadequate shelving and hooks
- Significant quantity of chemicals stored in room



- Small Office (approx. 75 sf) provided for maintenance crew.

Storage Room- Gym & Multi-Purpose Room		
		

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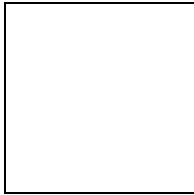
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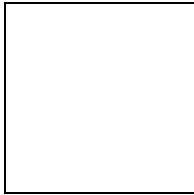


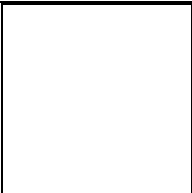

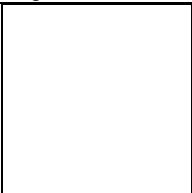

Gymnasium	Restroom	
		
Kid's Room		Exercise Room



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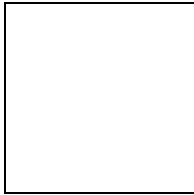


Reception & Offices			Small Storage w/ W&D
			
Main Corridor	Main Entry North	Display Cabinet	
			

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Janitor's Storage								